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SUBJ: IZVESTIYA REVIEW ON SYRIAN-  
ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT

1. SUMMARY. MIDDLE EAST SEGMENT OF IZVESTIYA  
INTERNATIONAL REVIEW BY COMMENTATOR V. MATVEYEV  
(APRIL 1) GIVES INDIRECT SUPPORT TO SYRIAN-ISRAELI  
DISENGAGEMENT AS MATTER "OF PARAMOUNT SIGNIFICANCE  
AT THIS TIME." HOWEVER, REVIEWER SAYS ONLY FRAME-  
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WORK FOR TRUE ME SETTLEMENT IS GENEVA CONFERENCE.

END SUMMARY.

2. MATVEYEV SAYS EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO AVOID A NEW, DANGEROUS AGGRAVATION OF SITUATION IN REGION AND TO BEGIN WORK ON RESTORING SUEZ CANAL. THESE, HE SAYS, ARE "NECESSARY MEASURES" BUT ARE STILL FAR FROM SUFFICIENT TO SECURE A GENUINE PEACE BASED ON FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND SATISFACTION OF "LEGITIMATE" PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

3 ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS MATVEYEV (IN IMPLIED REFERENCE TO DISENGAGEMENT) SAYS STEPS INTENDED TO EASE TENSION ON THE SYRIAN FRONT "HAVE PARAMOUNT SIGNIFICANCE AT THIS TIME. WITHOUT THEM FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IS SCARECELY POSSIBLE. MOREOVER, "SUCH STEPS ARE CALLED FOR TO FOSTER CREATION OF FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE - A TASK WHICH HAS IN NO MEASURE LOST ITS URGENCY, FOR ONLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SUCH A CONFERENCE, AND NOT BY MEANS OF ANY KIND OF COMBINATIONS (DOMBINATSII), CAN THE MATTER BE BROUGHT TO A PERMANENT POLITICAL SETTLEMENT."

4. COMMENT: WHILE MATVEYEV MAKES EXPECTED PLUG FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE AND GIVES WARNING AGAINST IDEA THAT ME SETTLEMENT CAN BE ATTAINED OUTSIDE ITS FRAMEWORK, HIS LINKAGE OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT TO RECONVENING OF MEPC AMOUNTS TO THE STRONGEST SUPPORT FOR SEPARATION OF FORCES ON SYRIAN FRONT WE HAVE YET SEEN IN SOVIET PRESS. WE THEREFORE DO NOT AGREE WITH INTERPRETATION IN AP MOSCOW STORY THAT MATVEYEV PIECE IS DERISION OF SECRETARY'S EFFORTS TO ATTAIN ME SETTLEMENT.  
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